## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the forgoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

### *Status of Claims*

Claims 1, 8, 12, and 15 are currently amended. Claims 7, 14, 17, and 20 are canceled without prejudice.

With these amendments, claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-16, and 18-19 are pending for further examination in this application.

### *Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112*

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In response, Applicant has, in amended claim 1, amended the limitation of "generating shipping advices based on said export files, address lists, and cargo tracking records" to "generating export files, address lists, and cargo tracking records, and shipping advices based on said required data" as claimed in the originally filed claim 1. Also, in amended claim 1, "generating export files, address lists, cargo tracking records" has been deleted and the claim has been amended to show that "export file management module" generates "export files, address lists, cargo tracking records, and shipping advices." As such, it is clear and definite that the export file management module generates the export files, address lists, **and** the cargo tracking

records inter alia.

In amended claim 15, "generating a shipping advice based on the export files, the information on cargo tracking, and the abnormality messages" has been amended to "generating a shipping advice" as claimed in the originally filed claim 15.   The generation of shipping advice is, at least, described in paragraph [0013] (page 7).

As a result of the above amendments, amended claim 1 and amended claim 15 comply with the written description requirement.   In addition and also as a result of the above amendment, amended claim 1 and amended claim 15 definitively and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 20 has been canceled.   Therefore, the rejection to claim 20 is now moot.


### Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Smith et al (US 6,879,962) (Smith).


### In response of claims 1-6 and 8-13

Amended claim 1 recites, in part:

"…wherein the application server further comprises *a time control module for setting a first time parameter, a second time parameter and a third time parameter*, wherein:

the first time parameter defines times at which the basic data module accesses the manufacturing databases of the manufacturing workstations;

the second time parameter defines times at which the export file management module accesses the database to generate series of export files; and

the third time parameter defines times at which the communication module sends the

reports." (emphasis added)

Applicant submits that Smith fails to at least teach or suggest "**a time module for setting a first time parameter, a second time parameter and a third time parameter**" as set forth in amended claim 1.

Smith discloses "**automatic communication** at selected intervals with the plurality of **transports** provides transport location intelligence" (column 2, lines 17-19), "**monitor** location at particular time interval, **monitor** whether the location goes outside of a defined area" (column 12, lines 34-36), and "**polling** the selected transport at specified intervals" (column 16, lines 9-16). Based on these disclosures, Applicant submits that Smith teaches or suggests only "**one time parameter**" to communicate for providing transport location intelligence, and fails to teach or suggest a "**second time parameter**" to generate export files and a "**third time parameter**" to send reports.

However, amended claim 1 defines "**three time parameters**" for "export managing." **The first time parameter** defines times at which the basic data module "accesses the manufacturing databases of the manufacturing workstations". **The second time parameter** defines times at which the export file management module "accesses the database to generate series of export files", and **the third time parameter** defines times at which "the communication module sends the reports." With the three time parameters being defined, the "export managing" is controlled more conveniently, because the export files are generated at predefined second time parameters, and the reports are sent at predefined third time parameters.

Therefore, amended claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over Smith.

Claims 2-6 and 8-13 depend on amended claim 1, and should also be allowable since each of them includes the patentably distinguishing features of amended claim 1.

*In response of claims 15-16 and 18-19*

Amended claim 15 recites, in part:

"…wherein step (a) further comprises the step of:

(a1) *setting a first time parameter* which defines times at which the manufacturing database is accessed;

(a2) *setting a second time parameter* which defines times at which the system database is accessed; and

(a3) *setting a third time parameter* which defines times at which reports are sent." (emphasis added)

For reasons similar to those given in response of claim 1, Applicant submits that Smith fails to at least teach or suggest steps of "**setting a first time parameter.., setting a second time parameter.., and setting a third time parameter..**" as set forth in amended claim 15. Therefore, amended claim 15 is patentably distinguishable over Smith.

Claims 16 and 18-19 depend on amended claim 15, and should also be allowable since each of them includes the patentably distinguishing features of amended claim 15.

### *In response of claim 20*

Claim 20 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection to claim 20 is now moot.

CONCLUSION


Applicant submits that the foregoing Amendment and Response place this application in condition for allowance.   If Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call the undersigned at 714.626.1224.


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